New Schools for Uttaranchal

†292. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred Question 2913, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th December, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the Expenditure Finance Committee has accepted the proposal for opening 26 new Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) the number and details of Kendriya Vidyalayas approved for Uttaranchal?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The proposal for opening of new KVs is yet to be considered by Expenditure Finance Committee.

Literacy Rate

293. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the literacy rate in the country registered in the decade 1991-2000, indicating State-wise figures for Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and other States; and

(b) the contribution of formal, non-formal and adult education thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) A statement is annexed giving 1991 Census and NSSO 53rd round figures for 1997. *(See* below).

According to National Family Health Survey-2, released in November, 2000, literacy rate in 1998 was 66.9 percent in 15-39 age group.

(b) A large number of initiatives informal and adult education have collectively contributed towards increased literacy rate.

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